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## Veterans Among Us 2014

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The background of the entire slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a draped, wavy pattern. The stars are white on a dark blue field, and the stripes are red and white.

# Veterans Among Us 2014

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# From the time of the Civil War, many from the Brockport College community have served their country

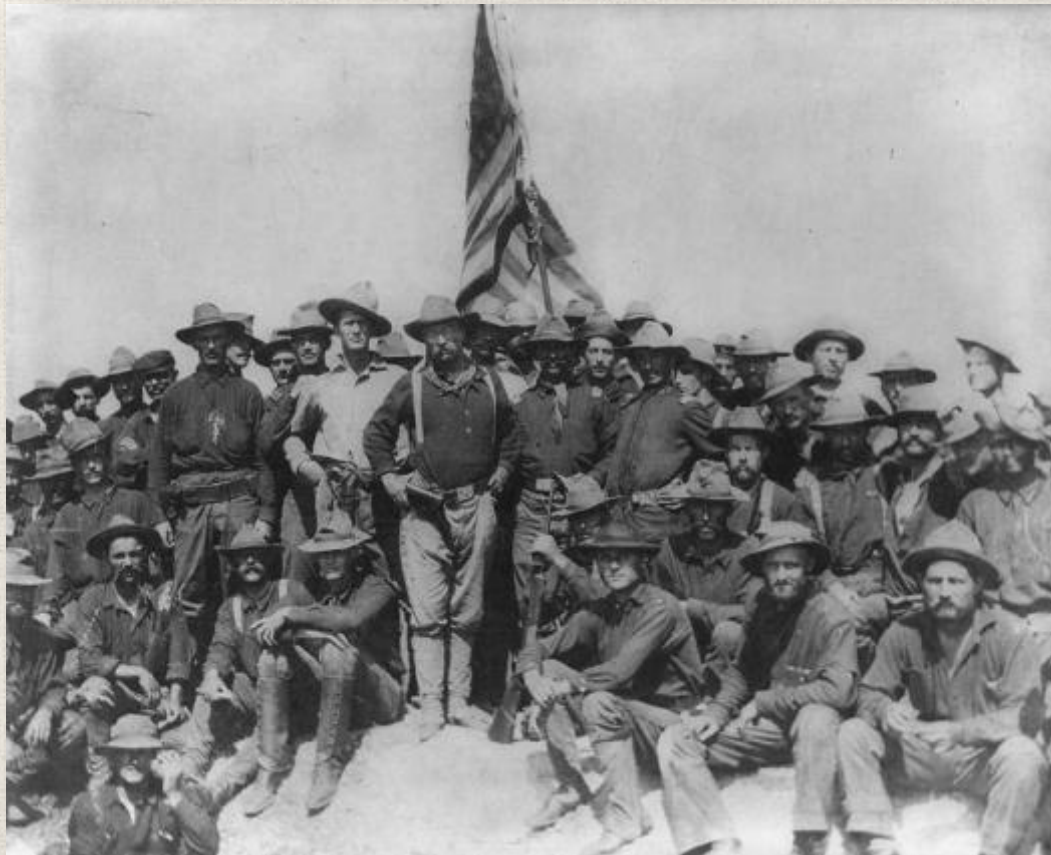


- ❧ Co. A, 140<sup>th</sup> NY Infantry was raised in Brockport and included students and alumni of the college. Many served in other units as well.
- ❧ The 140<sup>th</sup> played an important role at Gettysburg and many other battles.



*Reenactors of the 140th NY Infantry.*

# Spanish American War, 1898



*The "Rough Riders" at San Juan Hill.*



# Sarah Shaw, '93 - Nurse



After Brockport she went on to study nursing at the Bellevue Nursing School in New York City. When the Spanish American War began she joined the Red Cross nursing service and went to Cuba with the army.

She returned home at one point to recover from malaria and "nerve exhaustion" and then returned to serve as a nurse in the Philippines.



*Pictured is a group of nurses on a ship off of Cuba.*

# Militia Companies



✧ A militia company from Brockport went into service during the war, one of whose members was Harry Burlingame, son of a popular professor at the college, Herman Burlingame, a mathematics professor, pictured at right.





# World War I, 1914-1918



*"Doughboys" training with a machine gun.*



# The WWI memorial poplars, from the 1932 Saga Yearbook



In the 1932 yearbook, Principal Alfred Thompson wrote:

*"Beautiful thoughts are inspired by nature's trees. The Lombardy Poplars around the campus that lift their heads so gracefully to the sky are living memorials to the one hundred one members of our school who answered our country's call in the World War. Some of our poplars did not survive and some of our boys did not return. Beautiful thoughts these trees inspire."*



*These trees stood along Utica St. and the north side of Hartwell Hall up until the 1960s.*



# J. Stanley Lewis, '14



✧ An ambulance driver in WWI, he recalled his experiences in an article in the February 1919 edition of the Stylus, including the war's ending:

*“We celebrated November 11..., everyone was everyone else’s friend and booze enough flowed to float the Maine. ...who can say that there was not just the slightest feeling of regret? It meant the end of a big adventure...”*





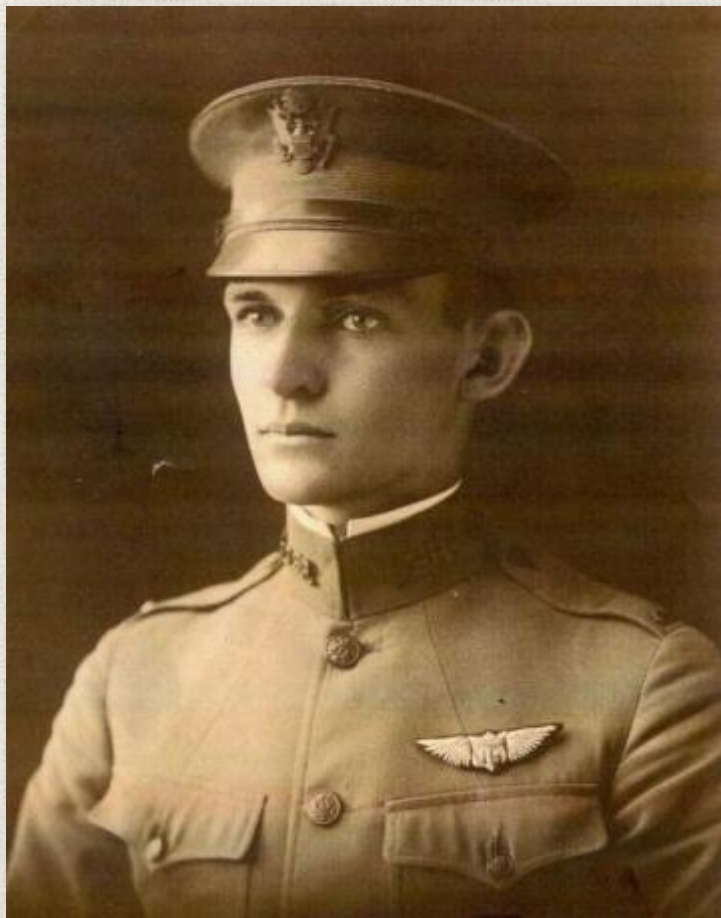
*sewed in WWI*  
*1918-Peter Ricci b. 1896-Italy*

# Peter D. Ricci

Grandfather of Mark Ricci,  
University Police Department

*Age approximately 19 years old.  
Immigrated to the U.S. through Ellis  
Island in New York City.*





# Marvin Croom

Grandfather of Charlie Cowling,  
Drake Memorial Library

# World War II, 1939-1945



*An American soldier on Guadalcanal.*



# Saga Yearbook



Many from Brockport served, and after the war the returning veterans helped the school expand to unprecedented dimensions.

visits, a loyal part of you has remained at B. S. T. C.  
You are marching, now, in uniform. Soon we who stayed behind will march in cap and gown. Together we are marching toward the inevitable victory.



RAYMOND BERRUTI  
Copiague, N. Y.



EDWARD WIMER  
Brockport, N. Y.



JAMES PATTERSON  
Batavia, N. Y.



DANIEL HAMLIN  
Brockport, N. Y.



THOMAS SERIO  
Cheektowaga, N. Y.



EUGENE KRAMER  
Rochester, N. Y.



DONALD DUFF  
Brockport, N. Y.





# 1945 Saga Yearbook





# Francis J. Manno

*History Professor (emeriti, deceased.)*



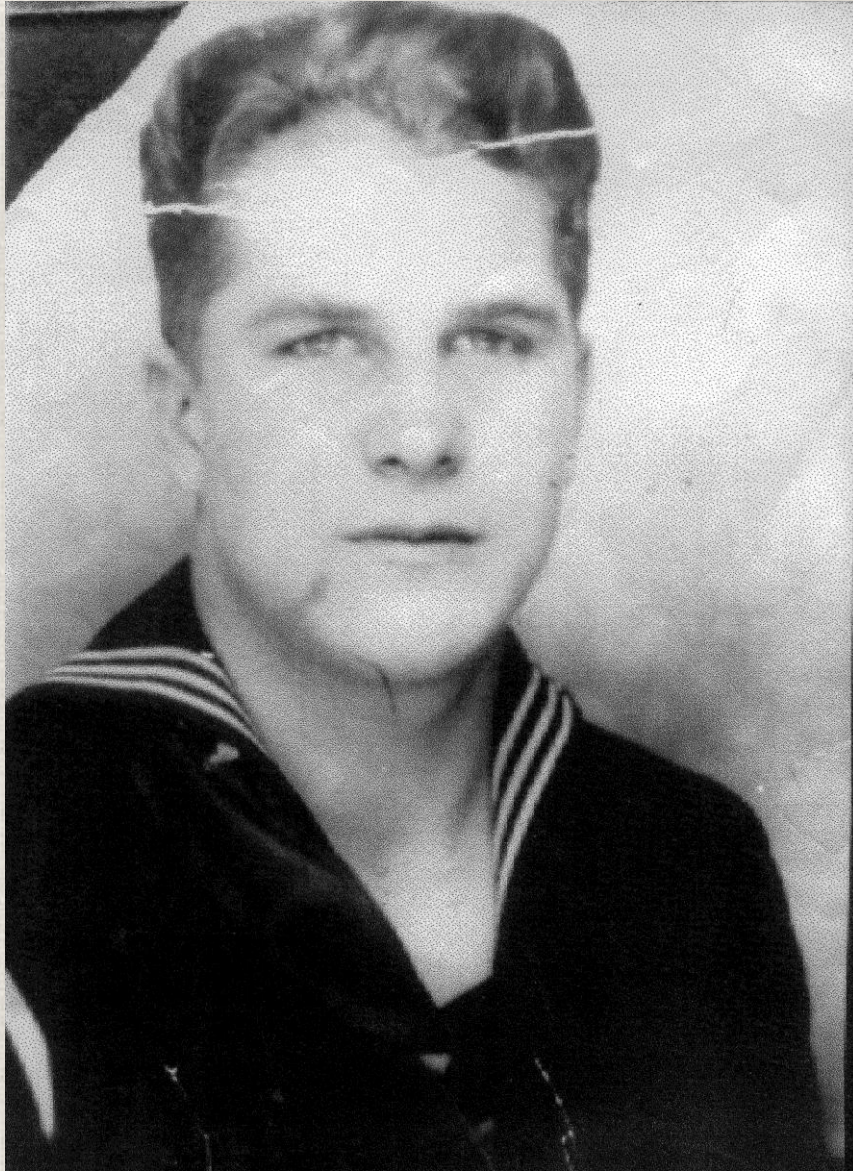
Before coming to Brockport as a history professor, Frank Manno was a Navy lieutenant and served as a beachmaster during the D-Day invasion, where he was one of the first officers to go ashore.



# Floyd Harris

Father of Kim Myers,  
Drake Memorial Library





# Frank Willitts

Uncle of Bill Jolly,  
Facilities and Planning Department

*At Pearl Harbor.*



# Daniel Wierzbowski,

U.S. Navy

Grandfather of  
Kenneth Wierzbowski,  
Drake Memorial Library







# Albert Casey

Grandfather of Erin Rickman,  
Office of Student Retention





# Ted Giermek

Grandfather of Amanda Giermek  
(Nursing Student) and cousin of R.  
Orzech (Mother of Mary Jo Orzech,  
Library Director)





# Robert H. Carlson,

U.S. Navy

Father of Holley Laudico, Drake  
Memorial Library

*Served as a Seabee stationed in the Philippines*



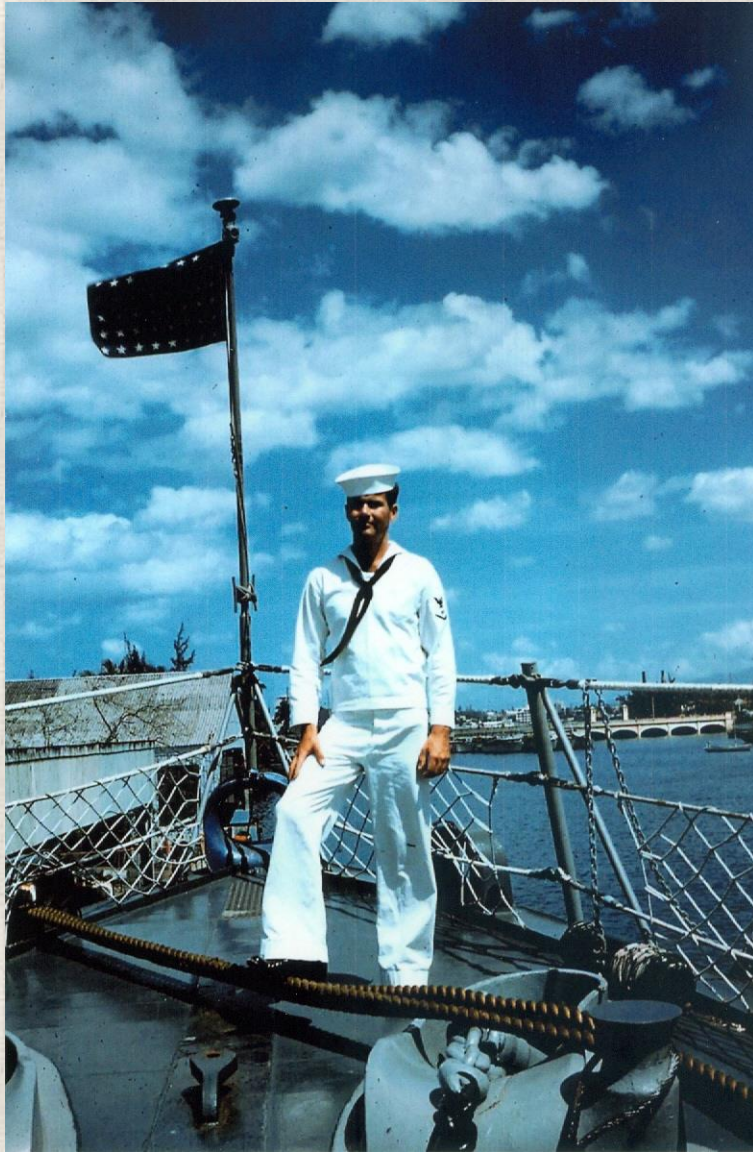
# Charles T. Laudico,

U.S. Marines

Father-in-law of Holley Laudico,  
Drake Memorial Library

*Fought in the Battle of Okinawa*





# Glenn Quetschenbach,

U.S. Navy

Father of Gail Thiel,

Parking & Transportation Services





# Cecil N. King,

U.S. Army Air Forces

Father-in-law of Richard Black,  
Design and Production

*Served in the Army Air Force during WWII with the 509th Composite Group stationed on Tinian Island in the Pacific. He was part of the ground crew that maintained the Enola Gay, the B-29 Superfortress that ultimately deployed the world's first atomic bomb.*



A Rare Photo of the Enola Gay Crew Members Including the Ground Crew - 1945; Standing L to R: Lt. Jacob Beser, Radar Specialist; Sgt. Richard Nelson, Radio Operator; Sgt. Robert Shumard, Asst. Flight Engineer; Capt. Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk, Navigator; Maj. Robert Lewis, Co-Pilot (Mission - Normally Pilot); Pvt. John Lesniewski, Engine Mechanic; Col. Paul Tibbets, Group Commander and Mission Pilot; Pfc. Harold Olsen, Engine Mechanic; S/Sgt. Walter McCaleb, Crew Chief; **Unknown**; Capt. Cecil King; Line Maintenance; **Unknown**. Kneeling L to R: T/Sgt. Wyatt Duzenbury, Flight Engineer; Maj. Thomas Ferebee, Bombardier; **Unknown**; Sgt. Jean Cooper, Engine Mechanic; Pfc. John Jackson, Engine Mechanic; Sgt. Leonard Markley, Engine Mechanic, and **Unknown**.





# Joeseeph Cardina,

U.S. Army Air Forces

Father of Catherina Cardina,  
Professor, Health Science

*Mr. Cardina began his military career as a Marine during WWII. Because he wanted to be a pilot, he transferred to the Army. When the Air Force was formed he was transferred, again. Following WWII he remained active in the Reserves as a pilot and was called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis of 1961.*





# Charles B. Black,

U.S. Army

Father of Richard Black,  
Design and Production

*Marksman and B.A.R. gunner in the 98th  
Infantry Division (Iroquois). He served in the  
Pacific Theatre, and later as part of the U.S.  
occupying force in Osaka, Japan, after the  
atomic bombs were dropped.*



# Donald J. Mondy

US Army Air Corps, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lieutenant

Father of Richard Mondy  
(Alumnus), Robert Mondy  
(Alumnus) and William Mondy  
(NYU Alumnus)







# Mark Gryska

Grandfather of Heather Gallant,  
Technology Support Technician,  
LITS



*Company Photographer stationed in  
Paris. All photos taken when Paris was  
liberated.*



# Korean War, 1950-1953



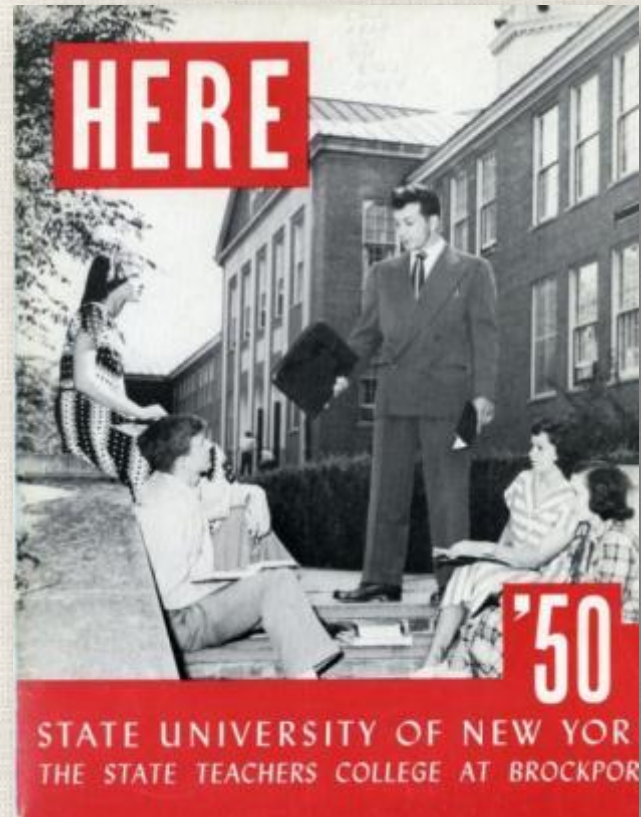
*Soldier resting on a Chinese Communist bunker.*



# 1950 Brockport Brochure



- ❧ Bill Oakes, seated, served in the Navy and was present at the atomic bomb tests at Bikini Atoll.
- ❧ Sam Platania, standing, served in the Army in Guadalcanal and other island campaigns.







# Stanley Dukat

Grandfather of  
Kenneth Wierzbowski,  
Drake Memorial Library





# Morris H. Belle, Sr.

Army, Pvt. First Class

Musician

Father of  
Sharon Belle Render,  
Counseling Center







# John Del Vecchio

Army

Father of  
Johnna Frosini,  
Parking & Transportation  
Services



# Dr. Joseph P. Winnick

c. 1955

Distinguished Service Professor,  
Kinesiology, Sport Studies and  
Physical Education



# Veterans Club, 1955 Saga





# The “Brockettes”



In the 1950s the Veterans Club did a variety show that toured area VA hospitals; here are the “Brockettes” at the VA in Bath in 1954.





# Vietnam War, 1965-1973



# From the 1967 Saga



## VET'S CLUB

. . . Higgins . . . Wednes-  
day nights . . . beer  
blasts . . . Homecoming  
float . . . Ernie Davis  
Leukemia Fund . . . troph-  
ies . . .



*First Row: B. Bubniak, Vice-President; T. Verso, B. Ciraco, J. Balling, Secretary. Second Row: M. Boyler, N. Kalina, P. Hunsinger, President; R. Kaminski, D. Hammond. Absent: A. Kroll, G. Drum, D. Brogan, K. Messinger, L. Akens, G. Scarborough, Advisor.*



1973 Saga Yearbook; there is a new  
Veterans Association today.



*Veteran's Association*





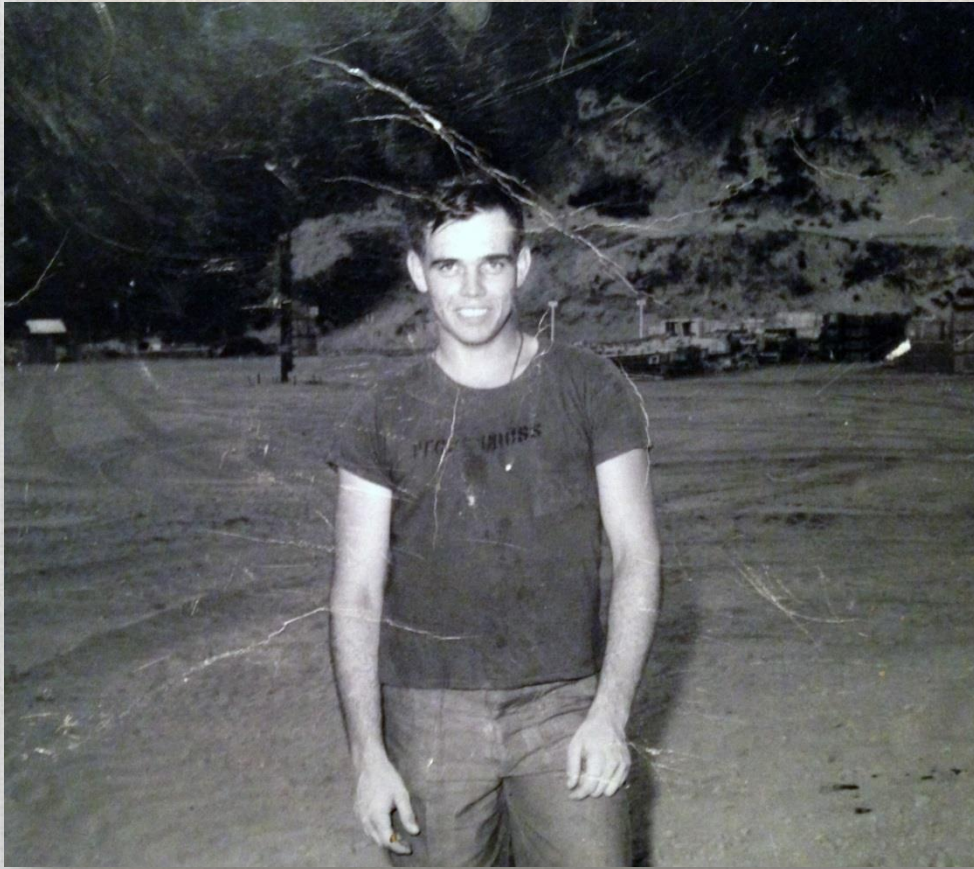
# Ken Herrmann

Associate Professor,  
Department of Social Work



*In the village of Hiệp Đức as an Army advisor in Vietnam*





Gary C. Cross,  
U.S. Army

Father of Laura Dumuhosky,  
Drake Memorial Library



*U.S. Army – August 1973 –  
August 1976*

*Military Police – Stationed at Fort  
Riley, KS  
Rank SP4/Acting Sergeant*

# Mark Ricci

University Police Department



*Basic Training  
Entry station – Fort Dix, NJ  
August, 1973*





Laura  
Buckner,  
DP3

Lead Programmer/Analyst,  
Library, Information and  
Technology Services

*Served from 1972-1975*



Byron  
Highland,  
Gunnery Sergeant, USMC

Father of Julie Pruss,  
Office of the President

*KIA Feb. 1967 Vietnam*





*Served in the US Air  
Force for 8 years.*

*Photos taken while  
stationed in Korea in  
1968.*



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DEC

# David Hallock,

US Air Force

Father of Megan Sarkis,  
Undergraduate Admissions





Father of Melissa Furness,  
Office of Alumni Relations &  
Development





# Bill Jolly

Facilities & Planning Department



# Chris O'Connor

University Police Department

*Gulf War*





# Charles Maxwell,

CDR, USN

Husband of Pat Maxwell,  
Drake Memorial Library

*At far right.*



Gary Lehman,

Cpl. , U.S. Marines

Cousin of Lisa Burch,

Financial Aid Office

*At an orphanage in Korea where the soldiers passed  
out lollipops to the children there.*





**Julie Pruss,**  
Gunnery Sergeant, USMC  
(Ret.)

Office of the President

*With Master Sergeant John Pruss, USMC (Ret.),  
HQMC, 2000*





# Rod Brinkman

U.S. Army 1992-1999

Department of Military Science

*In Korea, 1993.*



# War on Terror, 2001-date





# Brandon Downey

Army, Cavalry Scout,  
87<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company

Son of Laurie Downey,  
Department of Education and  
Human Development

*Cpt. McHugh presenting Spc. Downey with  
his Combat Action Badge, October 10, 2013*





# Kevin Lair

Facilities & Planning Department





# Ryan Kelly

Iraq, Army, 10th Mtn.  
Division

Class of '06 and Husband of Sara  
Kelly, Residential Education







# Paul Pratt, Col., Marines

Brother of Pam O'Sullivan,  
Drake Memorial Library



*At right, receiving Purple Heart.*





*Fallujah, Iraq*

# Brandon Nunnery,

Cpl. USMC

Student,  
The College at Brockport



*With Senator John McCain (R-AZ)*



# Jason Daniels,

L.Cpl., USMC

Son of Tracy Daniels,  
Secretary to the College Senate  
President

*Jason Daniels with his mother Tracy Daniels and sisters Nicole Daniels (Sophomore at the College at Brockport) and Megan Daniels (Freshman at Hornell Senior High School) Missing from photo: Steven Daniels (father) Deployment March 2011*

*Homecoming with sister Nicole Daniels, sophomore at the College at Brockport; mother, Tracy Daniels; sister, Megan Daniels; father, Steven Daniels*





# Daniel Kruppenbacher,

US Navy, Petty Officer First  
Class (E-6, CTR1)

Relation of Amy McNulty,  
Office of Community Development





# Cornelia, Claire, and Eric Willis,

Children of Beau Willis,  
Vice President for Administration,  
Administration and Finance



Jon McHugh,  
AFC

Grandson of Mariangela Ardino,  
Division of Academic Affairs